GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which the Indian Government are importing fertilizers, particularly Urea;

(b) the number of countries with whom the Government have signed the short and long term agreement for import of urea during the last three years;

(c) the number of the proposals pending or in the finalization stage for import of urea from different countries;

(d) the total quantity of urea imported during the last three years;

(e) whether the countries with whom such agreement were reached are fulfilling the agreement;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, the names of defaulting countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S B MOOKHERJEE)

(a), (b) & (d) : Urea is the only fertilizer of which imports are made on Government account. The imports of urea are made by designated canalizing agencies through global tenders, long-term contracts and spot purchases. The Government authorizes canalizing agencies to enter into contracts with suppliers of urea and has not signed any agreement with any country for supply of urea. The canalizing agencies have also not signed any long term agreement. The quantity of urea imported from different countries through short term contracts by the canalizing agencies during the last three years is as follows:

(all figures in lakh metric tonnes)

Country	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
CIS	9.60	1.92	2.27
Libya	0.81	-	-
Germany	0.29	-	-
Bangladesh	0.26	-	-
Indonesia	0.35	-	-
Romania	1.36	-	-
Kuwait	3.94	0.49	0.50
Qatar	3.01	1.03	1.10
Saudi Arabia	2.15	0.26	0.77
U.A.E	2.12	0.36	0.69
Iran	-	1.50	-
TOTAL	23.89	5.56	5.33

(c) Three joint venture projects for urea namely Indo Oman Fertilizer Project, Indo-Iran Joint Venture Project and SPIC Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd, UAE are pending or in finalization stage.

(e) to (g): Do not arise.